

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Lactobacillus ONRIC b0240 (FERM BP-100605) ~~is to be classified~~has been re-classified as *Lactobacillus pentosus* ~~because of~~based on a method disclosed in “Francoise ~~Bringal~~Bringel, et. al., International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology (2005), 55, 1629-1634” which was ~~issued~~published after the present application was filed.